

# THE WAR DAY BY DAY

## Fifty Years Ago.

Jan. 15, 1864—A Correspondence Between Pope Pius IX and Jefferson Davis, Relating to the War, Was Published in a New York Newspaper—Attitude of the Pope Toward the Belligerents.

(Written expressly for The Herald.)

Fifty years ago today a New York newspaper published a correspondence between Pope Pius IX and Jefferson Davis, relating to the war.

In the fall of 1863 Pope Pius IX had written a circular letter to the American bishops, expressing his grief at the war and his trust that they would use their influence to bring it to a speedy end if possible. This letter, which appeared especially to the Archbishop of New York and to the Bishop of New

Orleans, opened a way for Jefferson Davis to address the Pope without impropriety.

The Pope in the 60's was still one of the temporal sovereigns of Europe, and though the United States had no minister at his court, his political as well as his spiritual influence was sought indirectly by both sides in the war.

The United States government authorized Archbishop Hughes of New York to speak for it to his holiness, and that distinguished churchman was in Rome about the same time as Bishop Lynch, of Charleston, by whom President Davis sent his letter to the Pope.

This gave rise to a statement in the European press that the American belligerents were seeking to have the Pope act as mediator in the war. That such was not the case became apparent with the publication in Paris and later in New York of the correspondence between the Pope and Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis to the Pope.

As this correspondence was historically important it is here given in full. Mr. Davis' letter was as follows:

"Richmond, Sept. 23, 1863.

"Very Venerable Sovereign Pontiff:

"The letters which you have written to the clergy of New Orleans and New York have been communicated to me, and I have read with emotion the deep grief therein expressed for the ruin and devastation caused by the war which is now being waged by the United States against the States and people which have selected me as their President, and your orders to your clergy to exhort the people to peace and charity. I am deeply sensible of the Christian charity which has impelled you to this reiterated appeal to the clergy.

"It is for this reason that I feel it my duty to express personally, and in the name of the Confederate States, our gratitude for such sentiments of Christian good feeling and love, and to assure your holiness that the people, threatened even on their own hearths with the most cruel oppression and terrible carnage, are desirous now, as they have always been, to see the end of this impious war; that we have ever addressed prayers to heaven

for that issue which your holiness now desires: that we desire none of our enemy's possessions, but that we fight merely to resist the devastation of our country and the shedding of our best blood, and to force them to let us live in peace under the protection of our own institutions, and under our laws, which not only insure to every one the enjoyment of his temporal rights, but also the free exercise of his religion.

"I pray your holiness to accept, on the part of myself and the people of the Confederate States, our sincere thanks for your efforts in favor of peace. May the Lord preserve the days of your holiness and keep you under His divine protection.

"JEFFERSON DAVIS."

The Pope's Reply.

The Pope's reply, dated December 1, 1863, as given in a rough translation, was as follows:

"Illustrious and Honorable President.

"Salutation:

"We have just received with all suitable welcome the persons sent by you to place in our hands your letter, dated 23d of September last. Not slight was the pleasure we experienced when we learned, from those persons and the letter, with what feelings of joy and gratitude you were animated, illustrious and honorable President, as soon as you were informed of our letters to your venerable brother John, Archbishop of New Orleans, dated the 18th of October of last year, and in which we have with all our strength excited and exhorted those venerable brothers that, in their episcopal piety and solicitude, they should endeavor to the most ardent end and in our name, to bring about the end of the fatal civil war which has broken out in those countries, in order that the American people may obtain peace and concord and dwell charitably together.

"It is particularly agreeable to us to see that you, illustrious and honorable President, and your people, are animated with the same desires of peace and tranquility which we have in our letters inculcated upon our venerable brothers. May it please God at the same time to make the other peoples of America and their rulers, reflecting seriously how terrible is civil war, and what calamities it engenders, listen to the inspirations of a calmer spirit, and adopt resolutely the part of peace. As for us, we shall not cease to offer up the most fervent prayers to God Almighty that He may pour out upon all the people of America the spirit of peace and charity, and that He will stop the great evils which afflict them. We, at the same time, beseech the God of pity to shed abroad upon you the light of His grace, and attach you to us by a perfect friendship.

"Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, the 1st of December, 1863.

"PIUS IX."

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"Rome did not require any explanation for it is not their habit to interfere with the supreme decision of the governments of other lands on civil matters. If they were not pleased with my advocacy of the cause of the Union their displeasure was never made known to me."

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Tomorrow: Longstreet in East Tennessee.

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## Ever Hear of Such Things?

Montville, N. J., Jan. 14.—An iron chest bound with rawhide, containing goods and jewelry dated 1860, was found by workmen digging for an artesian well.

Rutherford, N. J., Jan. 14.—Advised by a doctor to quit wood chopping because it was too strenuous, Philip Mueller, sixty-five, said he thought not. Mueller dropped dead with the ax in his hand.

New York, Jan. 14.—Sarah Labish, thirteen, told the court her honeymoon consisted of an all-night ride on a trolley car with a box of crackers and a can of salmon as a wedding breakfast. Harold Owen, eighteen, her husband, was indicted for abduction.

New York, Jan. 14.—"I wear them to keep warm," said Edward Mann, who wore the latest style in corsets when arrested on a burglary charge.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—Mrs. Grace Woods, twenty-four, has asked to be freed from her sixty-year-old husband, who, she says, lured her into wedlock with a promise of four bags of gold. The bag contained sawdust and coal.

## GALE SWEEPS HAWAII.

Tag, Six Men Aboard Reported in Distress.

Honolulu, Jan. 14.—A northwest gale swept the Hawaiian Islands today. The tug Helen, with six men on board, was reported in distress near the island of Maui and help was sent.

## Motion Picture News A Daily Feature In The Herald

This daily news feature of The Washington Herald is for the benefit of everybody interested in motion pictures.

Suggestions, comments, criticisms, inquiries, and questions invited. Address communications to Motion Picture Editor, Washington Herald.

Miss Helen Holmes, the charming Kalam actress, is undoubtedly one of the finest actresses in motion pictures.

But for this fact, Miss Holmes might have suffered serious injury recently.

Explosive "D" the Kalam actress determined to ride a horse which she had just purchased. The animal proved to be a bucking broncho of the worst type.

No sooner had Miss Holmes mounted him than the animal began to buck and she was thrown to the ground.

When she finally got up, she was covered with bruises and scratches.

She was taken to the hospital and is now recovering from her injuries.

Ford Sterling, the popular Keystone comedian, is at his best in "In the Clutches of the Gang," a new two-reel Keystone feature.

"Ford" is undoubtedly the most popular comedian in "movies" and has made a family watchword.

First Time Shows, "In the Clutches of the Gang," today at Colonial, 927 Pa. Ave.

That funny Irish character, Mike, so familiar alongside his German pal, Jake, in pictures of the Joker brand, is no other than Harry McCoy, well-known on the vaudeville and musical comedy stage.

McCoy has devoted his talent to motion pictures for the past two years and has been playing leads in Joker comedies since their inception.

Before going into motion pictures his most thrilling experience occurred when he was wrecked for three days in a row boat twenty-five miles of Sandy Hook with one keg of water, and a pencil and watchdog for nautical instruments.

McCoy is a stickler for realism in his work and being original in his stunts before the camera, he has had many a life bump and hair-breadth escape, all to please the admirer of silent comedy.

His most recent screen successes are "Adventures of Mike and Jake," "The Jokers," "She Should Worry" and "The Mystery of a Taxicab."

"The Harper Mystery" Virginia Theater today, Saturday Selig's "Kathlyn," 5c. Adv.

"The Necklace of Rameses," a coming Edison three-reel release, is unique in the history of the motion picture. It is the story of the theft of a priceless necklace from a mummy in the New York Museum and the pursuit of the criminal from New York through England, France, Italy and back to New York.

The production of this remarkable story was made possible by the recent trip of Miriam Nesbitt and Marc MacDermott through these various countries. A story of unceasing interest and settings of historic significance and great scenic beauty combine to make this an exceptional film. Among the most points of interest to which the chase leads are the banks of the River Seine and the Cathedral of Notre Dame, Paris; the Coliseum, Rome; the Grand Canal, Venice; the Campanile and other famous buildings in Venice, and the Bay of Naples.

A unique effect is obtained when pursued and pursued are seen in the roofs of the houses in Rome, the men being silhouetted against the sky line with the city at their feet. The scene was far more dangerous than it looks as MacDermott and Nesbitt were actually balancing themselves on the coping of a Roman inn, three stories above the stone pavement.

## WOMAN AND THE HOME

Edited by JULIA CHANDLER HANE.

## Charming Afternoon Coat Of Rich Satin Brocade



A smart coat of satin brocade for afternoon wear. It is trimmed with revers and deep cuffs of moire silk and fastened below the waistline with a single fancy button.

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## WOMAN WHO IS FRIEND TO 3,000 WAYWARD GIRLS

By MARY B. MULLETT.

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Although Miss Alice C. Smith daily faces tragedy in its bitterest phase, she is one of the most serene women I have ever met. In fact, she is more than merely serene. There is something wholesome and stimulating about her. And she has a delicious sense of humor which makes it a delight to be with her.

Because of this sense of humor she laughs when you ask her by which one of her titles she prefers to be known: whether as "The Angel Policeman," "The Friend of the Fallen," or "The Torchlight of Jefferson Market Cavern."

These are the sentimental sobriquets which have been applied to her. But she doesn't bother about that sort of thing. She has bigger questions to think of.

For twelve years she has been a probation officer of the New York City courts. Since the Night Court for Women was opened a few years ago she has been connected with it; and more than 3,000 "wayward" girls—girls of the street—have been paroled under her oversight.

The court opens at 9 o'clock in the evening and sits until 1 or 2 in the morning. And during that time a constant procession of these girls passes before the magistrate.

Keeps Track of Them.

Miss Smith has acted with remarkable success as a mutual friend of these girls and of women of position and wealth who, through her, have helped many an unhappy young woman to recover her lost place in society. Sometimes these kind-hearted women have become the personal friends of the girls whose cases they take up. Sometimes they work only through Miss Smith. She keeps track of the girls all the time. And among her warmest friends today are some of these same girls who, through her influence, have been rescued from a life of tragedy and have become honored members of society.

She has interested one wealthy New York woman so deeply in this work that this woman constantly furnishes the means for taking care of five girls from the ranks of the Night Court, paying for their support until they are brought to a condition of mind and body where they can maintain themselves decently and honestly.

Strangers go to the Night Court and come away with a dull sense of a problem so overwhelming as to seem perfectly hopeless. But after twelve years of experience, Miss Smith, in her steady, balanced way, asserts that she never desponds. She says that 90 per cent of these girls can be reclaimed. And that, with improved economic and political conditions, the percentage can be made much higher.

Alice Smith was born in Hornell, N. Y., and went from there to San Francisco, where she studied music. New York City drew her to it. She does thousands of other girls—and she became a piano student in one of the conservatories. But before she knew it, life had supplanted music as the object of her keenest interest.

When She Began Work.

She was an attendant of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, of which John D. Rockefeller was a member, and she began her social work by teaching in a settlement house he had built. Finally she took a decided step. She definitely abandoned the study of music and went to live and to work in a home for discharged women criminals. When the city first consented to experiment with a woman probation officer, Miss Smith received the appointment as a "volunteer."

That means that, while the city was willing to experiment with her services, it was not willing to put any money into the affair.

Mr. Rockefeller, however, felt very differently about it. He wrote to the police department, offering personally to pay her salary, and this he continued to do until the city, satisfied of the success of the

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## BUTCHERS' STRIKE SPREADS.

2,200 New Out and 500 Shops Are Affected.

New York, Jan. 14.—Fifteen hundred kosher butchers and 700 chicken killed, or "scheichs," today struck in sympathy with the poultry workers, who are on strike.

Five hundred butcher shops and meat markets patronized by Jews are affected.

## CITIZENS WILL URGE \$30,000 IMPROVEMENTS

Anacostia Residents Will Try to Have Item Retained in District Bill.

The Anacostia Citizens' Association made plans at its meeting last night to urge the passage of the item in the District bill providing \$30,000 for the improvement of Nichols avenue from Good Hope road to Talbot street. Maurice Otterback, chairman of the committee on streets and highways, said the passage of this bill would mean that the work of placing the railway power underground through Anacostia, together with the improvement to the approach to the bridge, would be accomplished.

During January and February the Anacostia Methodist Episcopal Church has arranged a revival campaign. Rev. G. Leroy White, pastor of the church, will be in charge of the services, assisted by a committee. Prominent speakers from the District and Baltimore are scheduled to deliver addresses.

The officers of the Potomac Baseball League, comprising teams in the Anacostia section of the District, met at the home of President W. A. Watson, in Nichols avenue, for the purpose of outlining plans for the ensuing year.

The Public Improvement Association of Congress Heights met last night in the Town Hall in Alabama avenue. The car service came in for criticism and the committee will urge a closer schedule on this line. It was announced that progress is being made toward securing the extension of the line to Giesboro Point.

The fact that all of the items in the District bill covering improvements to streets in the suburb were eliminated from the bill by the subcommittee was the cause of much severe criticism last night on the part of members, and an effort will be made to have them reinstated in the bill.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of St. Teresa's Church held its annual banquet last night in the parochial school of the church in V street. More than 100 women were present. Preceding the banquet the new officers were installed as follows: Miss Mary O'Leary, president; Mrs. Ellen Watson, vice president; Mrs. Effie Bury, recording secretary; Mrs. Joseph H. Peacock, financial secretary.

Bishop Sabin leaves a wife and a son, Oliver C. Sabin, Jr., who will carry on his work, and a daughter, Mrs. Rhoda S. Eaton, of Washington, and four grandchildren.

Fire Ties Up Trains.

Boston, Jan. 14.—Fire today destroyed the main switch tower of the Boston and Maine Railroad, at North Station. This put out of business the entire switching facilities of the big railroad terminal. All trains were tied up outside the terminal yards.



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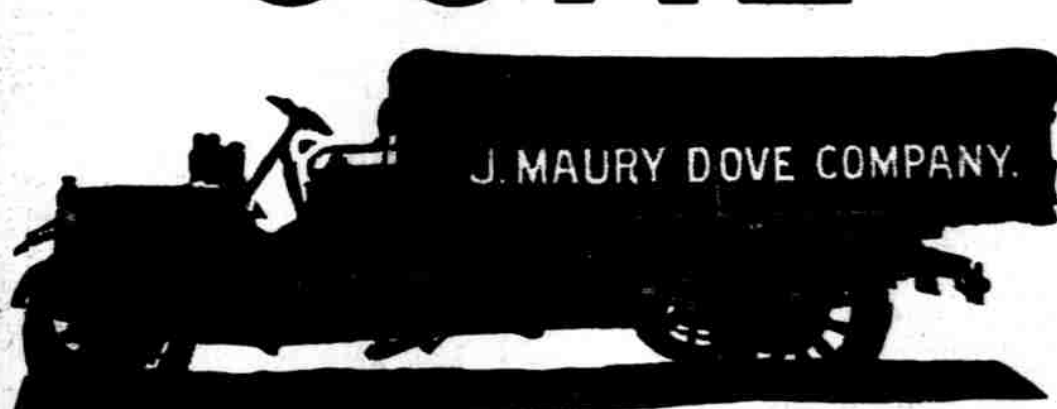
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